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Amendments to the Claims:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An insulating cover for an attic access opening, the insulating cover comprising:

a continuous frame having spaced side walls and spaced end walls and which frame is formed of a free standing insulating material, said frame defining an opening therethrough for alignment with the access opening and said frame being of a size and configuration so as to be adapted to surround the access opening; and

a removable closure member formed of a free standing insulating material ~~and having side and end walls~~, said removable closure member including:

a depending central portion, said depending central portion being sized and shaped to fit within said opening defined by said frame and frictionally and snugly engage said side walls and end walls of said frame inside said opening to create a first continuous seal with within said frame when said removable closure member is positioned on within said frame in covering relationship with respect to said opening defined by said frame, and

an upper portion forming flanges, said flanges extending said closure member including flange portions which extend laterally outward outwardly relative to said depending central portion, said flanges being sized and shaped to frictionally and snugly engage an upper surface for seating against upper surfaces of said side and end walls of said frame to create thereby form a second continuous seal with said frame when said removable closure member is positioned on said frame in covering relationship with respect to said opening defined by said frame; and;

wherein said closure member detaches becomes independent from said continuous frame when said first continuous seal and said second continuous seal are broken; and

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wherein said first seal and said second seal are generally orthogonal to each other when said removable closure member is positioned on said frame in covering relationship with respect to said opening defined by said frame. ~~closure member is disengaged from said opening defined by said frame.~~

15-16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said frame includes a generally continuous depending portion extending from each of said side and end walls, said generally continuous depending portions being configured so as to extend within the access opening and to frictionally seat within and seal a structural frame defining the access opening.

18-20 (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) The insulating cover of claim ~~17~~ 20 including at least one handle mounted to extend from a lower surface of said depending central portion of said closure member so as to be accessible within the access opening when the insulating cover is in place.

22. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 including at least one handle extending from a lower surface of said closure member so as to be accessible within the access opening when the insulating cover is in place.

23. (cancelled)

24. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said closure member includes at least first and second components each having opposing edges which are configured to cooperatively engage one another to create a seal therebetween, and means for adhesively securing said opposing edges so as to form a unified closure member.

25. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 including said closure member and said frame being coated with a fire retardant material.

26. (cancelled)

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27. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said insulating material of said closure member and said frame is an expanded polymeric material.

28. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 wherein said cover is sized and shaped to enclose an attic trap door.

29. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 wherein said cover is sized and shaped to enclose an attic access ladder.

30. (cancelled)

31. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 14 wherein said closure member comprises at least two pieces, the two pieces having a seal between them when positioned within said frame in covering relationship with respect to said opening defined by said frame.

32. (previously presented) The insulating cover of claim 31 wherein said two pieces are adhered together.

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